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REMARKS

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1. At about noon on 2 October 1953, about 15 BA-64 armored scout cars, about 10 six-wheel armored personnel carriers, about 40 trucks and about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were unloaded at the Fuerstenberg railroad station. The trucks subsequently drove toward Ravensbrueck, while the armored vehicles departed toward Steinförde.¹

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2. On 2 October, the restricted area at the southern shore of Roeblyn Lake appeared to have been occupied to capacity by a headquarters whose personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles seen in traffic to the quarters

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3. On 25 September, the barracks installation at Droegen was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. At about 4 p.m. on 24 September, about 80 soldiers with rifles and 3 heavy machine guns marched into the installation.³

4. On 25 September, the barracks installation at Castaven Lake was occupied. Between 5 and 6 p.m., on 24 September, 7 armored personnel carriers and 1 BA-64 armored scout car moved into the installation. A truck towing a 120-mm mortar and carrying 10 soldiers drove into the installation on 25 September. At about 2 p.m., 3 armored personnel carriers moved out of the installation toward Lychen. Motor vehicle was identified.⁴

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5. A column of sedan occupied by a general and sedans occupied by field-grade officers with red-bordered golden epaulets passed through Fuerstenberg from a southerly direction and proceeded toward Ravensbrueck on 24 September. At about 7 p.m., the sedan occupied by the general was seen en route toward Neustrelitz.²

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1. Comment. The motor vehicle [] belongs to the Second Gds Mecz Army. It is possible that headquarters units of the army and/or the 33d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div, which participated in exercises of the division in the Mirow-Rheinsberg-Neuruppin area from 27 to 30 September and which, [] went from Altruppin to Fuerstenberg on train [] were unloaded. 50X1-HUM
2. Comment. The information confirms the Hq Second Gds Mecz Army in Fuerstenberg until 2 October 1953. [] The general presumably belongs to the 9th Gds Tank Div. 50X1-HUM
3. Comment. Compared with the last report of mid-September [] the barracks installation at Droegen seems to be still occupied by the 34th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div. [] 50X1-HUM
4. Comment. On the basis of a report of mid-September [] the barracks installation on Castaven Lake was carried as occupied to capacity by units of the 33d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt. [] 50X1-HUM

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